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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

- 1) Heading of the Part: Commercial Fishing and Musseling in Certain Waters of the State
- 2) Code Citation: 17 Ill. Adm. Code 830
- 3) Section Numbers: 830.70 Proposed Action: Amendment
- 4) Statutory Authority: Implementing and authorized by Sections 1-60, 1-65, 1-120, 10-120, 15-35, 15-40, 20-35 and 25-5 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code [515 ILCS 5/1-60, 1-65, 1-120, 10-120, 15-35, 15-40, 20-35 and 25-5].
- 5) A Complete Description of the Subjects and Issues Involved: This Part is being amended to add restrictions on catfish harvest in the Wabash and Ohio rivers to make our rules consistent with the rules of Indiana and Kentucky, as required by our reciprocal agreement with Indiana and Kentucky.
- 6) Published studies or reports, and sources of underlying data, used to compose this rulemaking: None
- 7) Will this rulemaking replace any emergency rulemaking currently in effect? No
- 8) Does this rulemaking contain an automatic repeal date? No
- 9) Does this rulemaking contain incorporations by reference? No
- 10) Are there any other proposed rulemakings pending on this Part? No
- 11) Statement of Statewide Policy Objective: This rulemaking neither creates, nor expands, any State mandate affecting units of local government.
- 12) Time, Place and Manner in which interested persons may comment on this proposed rulemaking: Comments on the proposed rulemaking may be submitted in writing for a period of 45 days following publication of this Notice to:

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- 13) Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis:
- A) Types of small businesses, small municipalities and not for profit corporations affected: None
 - B) Reporting, bookkeeping or other procedures required for compliance: None
 - C) Types of professional skills necessary for compliance: None
- 14) Regulatory Agenda on which this rulemaking was summarized: This rulemaking was not included on either of the 2 most recent regulatory agendas because: The Department did not anticipate the need for this rulemaking at the time the agendas were published.

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TITLE 17: CONSERVATION

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SUBCHAPTER b: FISH AND WILDLIFE

PART 830

COMMERCIAL FISHING AND MUSSELING IN CERTAIN WATERS OF THE STATE

Section

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830.80	Commercial Fishing and Musseling in Additional Waters
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SOURCE: Adopted at 5 Ill. Reg. 6809, effective June 16, 1981; codified at 5 Ill. Reg. 10648; emergency amendment at 6 Ill. Reg. 6468, effective May 18, 1982, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 6 Ill. Reg. 10680, effective August 20, 1982; amended at 7 Ill. Reg. 2707, effective March 2, 1983; amended at 10 Ill. Reg. 6926, effective April 15, 1986; amended at 11 Ill. Reg. 9513, effective May 5, 1987; amended at 12 Ill. Reg. 11714, effective June 30, 1988; amended at 15 Ill. Reg. 8544, effective May 24, 1991; amended at 16 Ill. Reg. 5257, effective March 20, 1992; amended at 17 Ill. Reg. 3177, effective March 2, 1993; emergency amendments at 18 Ill.

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Reg. 4671, effective March 14, 1994, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 18 Ill. Reg. 9985, effective June 21, 1994; amended at 19 Ill. Reg. 5250, effective March 27, 1995; recodified by changing the agency name from Department of Conservation to Department of Natural Resources at 20 Ill. Reg. 9389; amended at 21 Ill. Reg. 4700, effective April 1, 1997; amended at 22 Ill. Reg. 6697, effective March 30, 1998; amended at 24 Ill. Reg. 4945, effective March 13, 2000; amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 6277, effective April 25, 2005; amended at 31 Ill. Reg. 13187, effective August 30, 2007; amended at 34 Ill. Reg. 2938, effective February 19, 2010; emergency amendment at 34 Ill. Reg. 15884, effective October 1, 2010, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 4187, effective February 22, 2011; amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 11161, effective July 3, 2012; amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 12120, effective July 16, 2012; emergency amendment at 37 Ill. Reg. 19912, effective December 2, 2013, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 38 Ill. Reg. 9043, effective April 14, 2014; amended at 39 Ill. Reg. _____, effective July 22, 2015; amended at 39 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____.

Section 830.70 Size and Creel Limit

- a) No channel catfish, blue catfish, flathead catfish or white catfish under 15 inches in length, undressed, or 12 inches in length, dressed, or 10.7 inches when dressed with the first vertebrae (T bone) removed, may be taken except in the Ohio River and Wabash River.
- b) No shovelnose sturgeon under 24 inches or over 32 inches in length may be taken from the Mississippi River or the Ohio River. No shovelnose sturgeon under 25 inches in length may be taken from the Wabash River. All shovelnose sturgeon shall be measured using fork length, defined as: "the length from the most anterior part of the fish to the tip of the median caudal fin rays" (from tip of the snout to the fork of the tail).
- c) No paddlefish less than 28 inches in length may be taken from the Illinois or Mississippi Rivers, no paddlefish less than 32 inches may be taken from the Ohio River. All paddlefish shall be measured using the eye fork length, defined as "the length from the anterior edge of the eye to the fork of the tail" (from the front of the eye to the fork of the tail).
- d) No channel catfish, blue catfish or flathead catfish less than 13 inches in total length may be taken from the Wabash and Ohio Rivers. Only one channel catfish per day equal to or greater than 28 inches may be harvested from the Wabash and Ohio Rivers. Only one blue catfish and one flathead catfish per day equal to or

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greater than 35 inches may be harvested from the Wabash or Ohio Rivers. There is
no size limit on other species listed in Section 830.60(a).

- e) All washboard mussels shall measure not less than 4.0 inches. All relic (dead) Washboards shall measure not less than 4.0 inches.
- f) All mapleleaf mussels shall measure not less than 2.75 inches.
- g) All threeridge mussels shall measure not less than 3.0 inches.

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)